

**GOVERNOR'S**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES**  
**TASK FORCE**

**STATUTORY & REGULATORY INITIATIVES WORKGROUP**

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of 2/10/04**

Task Force Members Present:

Lee Cullen, Task Force Chair  
Brian Rude, Dairyland Power Coop., Workgroup Chair  
Forrest Ceel, IBEW Local 2150  
Rep. Scott Jensen (by phone)  
Keith Reopelle, State Environmental Leadership Program  
Michael Vickerman, RENEW Wisconsin

Others Present:

Rob Benninghoff and Ilze Rukis for Tom Meinz, WPS  
Catherine Boies, Customers First! Coalition  
Alex DePillis, Dept. of Administration  
Cindy Dombrowski, State Budget Office  
Linda Hajek, Cullen Weston Pines & Bach LLP  
Paul Helgeson, Public Service Commission  
John Marx, Dept. of Administration  
Martin Romero, Dept. of Administration  
Don Wichert, WECC

The minutes of the 1-26-04 meeting were approved.

The workgroup agreed to meet the second Tuesday of the month through spring. Meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Madison. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at Cullen Weston Pines & Bach LLP (122 W. Washington Avenue, Ste. 900, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703).

The initial focus of the workgroup was stated again: to quickly forward any recommendations for consideration during this legislative session. General floor activity concludes in early March. As other workgroups develop additional

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proposals, this workgroup's expertise may be needed to prepare them for legislative activity.

Discussion of Agenda Items:

1. State Use of Renewable Energy – workgroup reviewed a draft proposal and discussed target dates, definitions and policy considerations. Workgroup also discussed a fiscal analysis distributed by DOA.

Action: recommend proposal to the general Task Force with the following changes - targets set at 10% by 2005 and 20% by 2010, recognize on-site renewable generation and clarify language regarding local utility's ability to supply renewable energy.

2. Energy Efficiency Standards (SB 111 and SB 112) – workgroup discussed the purpose of SB 111 and current editions of the ASHRAE code, which sets energy efficiency standards for commercial facilities in the state.

Action: Workgroup agreed to table SB 111 at this time and approach Senator Cowles regarding ASHRAE adoption. A possible future course of action may be an executive order from the Governor expediting the adoption of the ASHRAE code.

Workgroup agreed to refer SB 112 to Jim Boullion's workgroup on standards and building codes.

3. Small-scale Environmentally Friendly Utility Projects – workgroup reviewed draft letter to DNR Secretary Hassett requesting consideration of small-scale environmentally friendly projects as rules are promulgated for the Job Creation Act. Workgroup discussed the contents of the draft letter.

Action: Workgroup agreed to recommend to the Task Force that it approve the letter with a revision – need to reference compliance with environmental standards.

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4. Sales Tax and Use Tax Exemption for Renewable Systems (AB 762) – Workgroup discussed bill and a similar proposal from the last legislative session. Workgroup expressed a need for a fiscal analysis and the inclusion of a cap on the installation size of systems eligible for exemption.

Action: Workgroup agreed to forward the bill to the full Task Force without a recommendation. Workgroup directed Cindy Dombrowski from the State Budget Office to prepare a fiscal impact report. Workgroup also indicated a desire to include a 2 MW cap on the installation size and a similar equivalent for thermal systems.

Brian Rude will not be present at the next Governor's Task Force meeting on February 17, 2004. Forrest Ceel will present the workgroup's recommendations in his place.